(b) and (c) Review of existing legislations is a continuous process. One of the important initiatives taken by the Ministry of Environment and Forests in this regard is review of the existing Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 1991 by an Expert Committee under the eminent scientist Dr. M.S. Swaminathan. The recommendations of the Committee have been accepted by the Central Government for implementation including appropriate statutory changes.

(d) No, sir.

Advertisement of sale of endangered wild animals

1863 . DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that several e-portals have put advertisements for sale of endangered wild animals including Bengal Tigers:

(b) if so, what action have been taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether the advertisers have been punished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) Instances of advertisement/sale of wildlife and their derivatives on foreign e-portals have come to light. This Ministry is not aware of any offence registered within the country in this regard.

Resource crunch faced by G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan environment and research

1864. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Research has been facing severe resource crunch which has hampered its normal functioning;

(b) the funds allocated for various research projects and for maintenance of facilities during the last three years, project-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether Government are also aware that various posts in the scientist cadre and administrative cadre are lying vacant;